

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-56-03

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☒ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS (COLAs) FOR THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) AND REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA) PROGRAMS

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 11450, 11452 AND 11453

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the CalWORKs and RCA Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) COLAs scheduled to be effective on October 1, 2003, have been suspended by operation of law. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11453, subdivision (c) provides that for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the CalWORKs MAP and MBSAC COLAs shall be suspended if there is an increase in the Vehicle Licensing Fee (VLF) in the fiscal year. The VLF has been increased effective October 1, 2003, and, therefore, the COLAs are suspended. The recently enacted State budget for the 2003-2004 state fiscal year reflects the increase in the VLF and the suspension of the CalWORKs and RCA COLAs.

The CalWORKs MAP and MBSAC levels communicated in All County Letters 03-26 and 03-38 will be effective for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Since aid payments for RCA cases are based on CalWORKs regulations, the above shall apply to the RCA Program.

If you have any questions regarding CalWORKs MBSAC and MAP COLAs, please contact Vince Toolan of the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1808. For questions relating to the RCA Program, please contact Kathy Noble of the Refugee Program Branch at (916) 654-2602.

Sincerely,

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

c: CWDA
CSAC